

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2016 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
 SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Patrick Jones	City Council Emmett Badar
Dawna Marshall	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Roger Therien	Duane Harris, San Dimas Station
Cheryl Avelar - Chair	BC John Lewenhand LACoFire
Charles McGown	Lt. Andy Berg, San Dimas Station
Kevin Burke – excused	4 guests
Josh Hibbard	
Ryan Vienna – Vice Chair	
Gil Gonzales	

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Avelar at 5:30 pm.

II. Business from the public not on the agenda

Gary Enderle provided information to commissioners regarding the Sheriff's Boosters Club Membership. He noted advertising opportunities with the Booster Club's publication. He presented the concept of having a Via Verde Park gathering as part of the National Night Out event August 2nd. He asked for assistance in planning the gathering from any interested Commissioners. Commissioner Vienna expressed support and interest in participating and assisting with the gathering.

III. Approval of the January 19, 2016 Minutes – Commissioners absent abstained from approval. Minutes were approved. Commissioners Vienna and Hibbard declined approval of the minutes because they felt the minutes should reflect that the City Manager said that he would review the draft of the CERT summary he offered to prepare with the subcommittee. [The City Manager did not submit the draft to the subcommittee nor did he meet with them prior to submitting it to the Commission]

IV. Presentation – Active shooter incidents/situations. Training and awareness.

Lt. Berg presented information regarding critical incident active shooter awareness and preparedness. He reviewed recent history of active shooter incidents – noting some of the characteristics of these events. He showed a video prepared by LASD <http://www.activeshooter.lasd.org/> to provide information on awareness and preparedness activities. The training is to give consideration ahead of time to what you

would do in the regular locations of your daily activity – work, school, shopping, gatherings, etc. to be aware of exits and escape routes, secure places or places to conceal yourself. The awareness also includes objects that could be used to defend yourself if necessary – something to disable the shooter. Most active shooter incidents are over in 10-15 minutes – often they end when public safety arrives on the scene. Preventive measures: be vigilant, aware of aggressive behavior, conflict, bullying. Empower people to call 911 when they become aware that something has happened or that things are escalating. Run – Hide – Fight. Call 911 with as much specific information as possible. Develop workplace plans with employees. Question was asked if this training is available from the Station. The Department has been responding to requests as they have come forward. Captain Harris also encouraged the reporting of suspicious activity. The Commissioners thanked Lt. Berg for the presentation.

- V. Report on recent Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions. Receive the City's summary of how it approaches CERT training and post training interests.

Commissioner Vienna reported that CERT refresher training has 28 registrants; the full CERT class has 35 registrants.

City Manager Michaelis provided an overview of the CERT summary he prepared.

Discussion ensued – various observations and positions were offered.

The consensus summary was to wait until the scheduled CERT training is completed and participant interest is evaluated to determine the next steps with CERT.

- VI. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis offered a brief report on city activities and answered questions. No report from Fire or Sheriff's.

- VII. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Gonzalez desires to observe a future city EOC training exercise.

Commissioner Vienna also expressed his interest as well.

Commissioner Curtis asked about an increase in frequency of homeless encounters.

She wanted to know if there was a noticeable connection with an increase in crime.

She also asked about how the Holy Name of Mary food and shelter operation worked out. Issues were noted, and possible adjustments for the future are being considered.

- VIII. Adjournment at 7:15 pm – the next regular meeting of the Commission will be May 17, 2016 at City Hall 5:30 pm – the presentation will be from the Parks Bureau.